concerned airlines depending upon the availability of aircraft, routes to be taken and commercial returns etc. This is not an issue which is regulated by the Government.

Suggestions for Fixation of Haj Subsidy

475. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are paying a huge subsidy on Haj pilgrimage every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the subsidy on them is increasing every year; and

(d) if so, whether Government have received any suggestion to fix up the subsidy for coming years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) The details of subsidy given per passenger from 1998 onwards are as under:

(In Rs.)

Year	Total fare per pilgrim	Fare charged from each pilgrim	Subsidy per pilgrim
1998	29,518	12,000	17,518
1999	27,854	12,000	15,854
2000	28,525	12,000	16,525*
2001	32,606	12,000	20,606*

*Provisional

A proposal for reducing the Haj subsidy over the next few years is under consideration.